

Amendments To the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT

~~The invention relates to~~ In a network, in which addresses are assigned to communication components, said addresses allowing communication ~~the components to communicate with one another.~~ ~~Several several~~ communication components comprise ~~integrated~~ search functions for determining the addresses of resources ~~that are installed in other communication components.~~ To determine the addresses, each of said search functions sends ~~Components send~~ a first search notification, as a consequence of which ~~and~~ each ~~communication~~ component that has been contacted returns a hit response including ~~comprising~~ its address. The components send ~~search function subsequently sends~~ a second search notification containing information concerning the desired resources to at least one of the communication components that have been determined, whereby a ~~communication~~ component that can provide one of the desired resources replies to the second search notification. The resources include ~~comprise~~ communication services that can be used in the network and the reply to the second search notification contains specific information concerning the respective communication service. The ~~communication~~ components that reply to the second search notification also forward the said second notification to other communication components.